

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0016] and [0017] as follows:

FIGURE 6 is a partial perspective of a core support exit hole in a cast turbine bucket and plug in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of this invention; ~~and~~

FIGURE 7 is a cross section of a core support pin in accordance with the invention-; and

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0017] as follows:

FIGURE 8 is a schematic representation of the elliptical core support pin, showing major and minor axes of the ellipse.